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SUBJ: GDR HARASSMENT ON TRANSIT ROUTES

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SUMMARY: NEUES DEUTSCHLAND FRONT PAGED SOVIET EMBASSY
STATEMENT JULY 31 SUPPORTING GDR HARASSMENT AND ADN REPORT PUSHING
LINE THAT "NORMAL TRANSIT TRAFFIC" HAS NOT BEEN HINDERED. AS OF
MIDNIGHT JULY 31 THERE WERE FOUR INCIDENTS ON AUTOBAHN AND
ONE WEST GERMAN RAIL TRAVELER WAS CHECKED. BERLIN POLITICAL
LEADERS HAVE BECOME MORE VOCAL WITH CDU FRAKTION CHIEF
LUMMER CALLING FOR FRG TO HALT PARTICIPATION IN CSCE
TRANSIT PROBLEM NOT REPEAT NOT RESOLVED. PRESS COVERAGE HAS
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TO GDR ACTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND FRONT PAGE AUGUST 1 HEADLINED EAST BERLIN SOVIET EMBASSY STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF GDR HARASSMENT ON TRANSIT ROUTES WHICH EXPLICITLY REJECTED ALLIED PUBLIC STATEMENT OF LAST WEEK THAT BARRING OF FEA EMPLOYEES AND PROPERTY FROM TRANSIT ROUTES WAS VIOLATION OF TRANSIT AGREEMENT. STATEMENT ASSERTED THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA CONSTITUTED VIOLATION OF QA AND MAINTAINED THAT THOSE WHO DID NOT ADHERE TO PROVISIONS OF QA COULD NOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE ITS ADVANTAGES. STATEMENT CONCLUDED THAT GDR POSITION "FULLY SHARED AND SUPPORTED BY SOVIETS SIDE." UNATTRIBUTABLE ADN ITEM WHICH APPEARED IMMEDIATELY BELOW SOVIET STATEMENT CLAIMED THAT GDR CHECKS ON TRANSIT ROUTES EXCLUSIVELY DESIGNED TO BAR FEA EMPLOYEES (AND PROPERTY) AND THAT GDR MEASURES DID NOT INTERFERE WITH "NORMAL TRANSIT TRAFFIC." NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ALSO CARRIED NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL CASE OF SENTENCING WEST BERLIN EXFILTRATOR, WHICH RELATED TO MISUSE OF TRANSIT ROUTES.

2. ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS, THERE WERE FOUR INCIDENTS ON TRANSIT ROUTES JULY 31 (THREE AT STAAKEN AND ONE AT DREWITZ). LONGEST DELAY WAS 30 MINUTES. WE ALSO HAVE REPORT THAT WEST GERMAN RAIL TRAVELER HAD HIS NAME CHECKED AGAINST LIST (PRE-SUMABLY OF FEA EMPLOYEES) BY VOLKSPOLIZEI. TOTAL NUMBER OF INCIDENTS ON AUTOBAHNS AS OF MIDNIGHT JULY 31 WAS 55.

3. NUMBER OF WEST BERLIN POLITICAL LEADERS MADE STATEMENTS JULY 31 ABOUT TRANSIT ROUTE GDR HARASSMENT. MAYOR NEUBAUER SAID THAT EVEN IF ONLY ONE TRAVELER WAS DELAYED ILLEGALLY ON TRANSIT ROUTE IT WOULD MEAN NORMAL TRAFFIC WAS NOT PERMITTED. AT MEETING OF BERLIN PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AFFAIRS CDU FRAKTION CHIEF, LUMMER, RECOMMENDED THAT FRG DISCONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN CSCE IF THE BERLIN TRANSIT ROUTE PROBLEMS WERE NOT SOLVED. SPD COMMITTEE MEMBER SCHULZE AND LEADER OF LEFT-WING FACTION IN PARLIAMENT SAID THAT QUESTIONING OF TRAVELERS AS WELL AS TURNING BACK OF FEA EMPLOYEE FROM TRANSIT ROUTES WAS CLEAR VIOLATION OF AGREEMENT.

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